

Babraham

AUTUMN 2018

New Clerk

We welcomed Dr Don Powell to the position of Parish Clerk this year (clerk@babraham-village.net). He has now completed his training and is fully integrated into this new role. We look forward to working with him in the future.

New Developments

The planning application for H/1:b development in Babraham, near the Babraham/Sawston boundary has been submitted to the planning department by the developers.

We have a number of concerns regarding the current proposal.

One of our main concerns is that, from the outset, the project has been named "the Babraham Road, Sawston Development" when the site is actually in Babraham itself, not Sawston. This error may have compromised our consideration for measures by the developers to address local issues created by the new development, including increased traffic, highways and schooling needs.

We are also concerned that there has been a rise in proposed number of houses on the site from the original 80 to 154, and have concerns about the survey data collected by the planners regarding traffic flow currently experienced in the Babraham High Street, and the additional effect the development would have on traffic numbers.



This development must be looked at in conjunction with the proposed building of Cambridge City Football ground and a distribution centre in the existing industrial area to the east of Sawston, which will generate additional traffic including heavy vehicles, many of which, if travelling eastwards, would use Babraham High Street as their exit route.

The intended road improvements to the A1307 and A505 will be some time in the future and we feel that the development is premature and should be delayed until the transport structure in this area has been improved or our concerns have been addressed.

Neighbourhood Plan

The formulation of Babraham's neighbourhood plan continues under the guidance of Cllr. Rob Attwood with regular meetings involving all aspects of our community. If you have any matters for consideration by this group please forward ideas etc to Rob at robert.attwood@babraham-village.net.

Dog walking

We are pleased to report that the new dog poo bin situated on Rowley Lane adjacent to the entrance to the Sports field is being used and the bin near the church is being well used. In fact, so well used we are trying to have the bin at Oak Lane moved next to the Church bin to avoid overflow.

Pocket Park

We await the Babraham campus to finalise their leases with UK Research and Innovation, so that we can renew our lease on the pocket park. The Campus have offered to pollard the poplars, thus making this area safer. There is also a work party being organised to clear some of the nettles from this area.

Email

All relevant information we receive regarding matters that affect the village are passed to the parish via email. Due to the Data Protection Act we were obliged to delete all names, however, if you wish to receive info from the council please re-register with us by emailing Cllr. Gareth Walker at gareth.walker@babraham-village.net.

Babraham Remembrance Day Parade

A band is leading a parade from the Babraham School to the Babraham War Memorial on **Sunday Nov 11th**

Rev Alan Partridge is leading a short service at the memorial at 12.30pm.

Buglers will play the Last Post.

Wreaths will be laid



Road changes afoot

The public's views on proposals to improve public transport to the south east of Cambridge will be presented at two upcoming meetings.

The Greater Cambridge Partnership (GCP) received almost 2,000 responses to its public consultation, which was held between February and April, on the Cambridge South East Transport Study which looks at travel between Cambridge and Haverhill via the A1307.

A £14m package of 'quick

wins' (phase one) to improve road safety, walking, cycling and bus journeys along the A1307 by 2020 was approved by the Executive Board in July.

All 17 of the 'quick wins' identified in phase one received public support, with the proposals for road safety improvements at Haverhill Road and the Gog Farm Shop junction (88 percent) and the Linton Greenway (74 percent) the most popular.

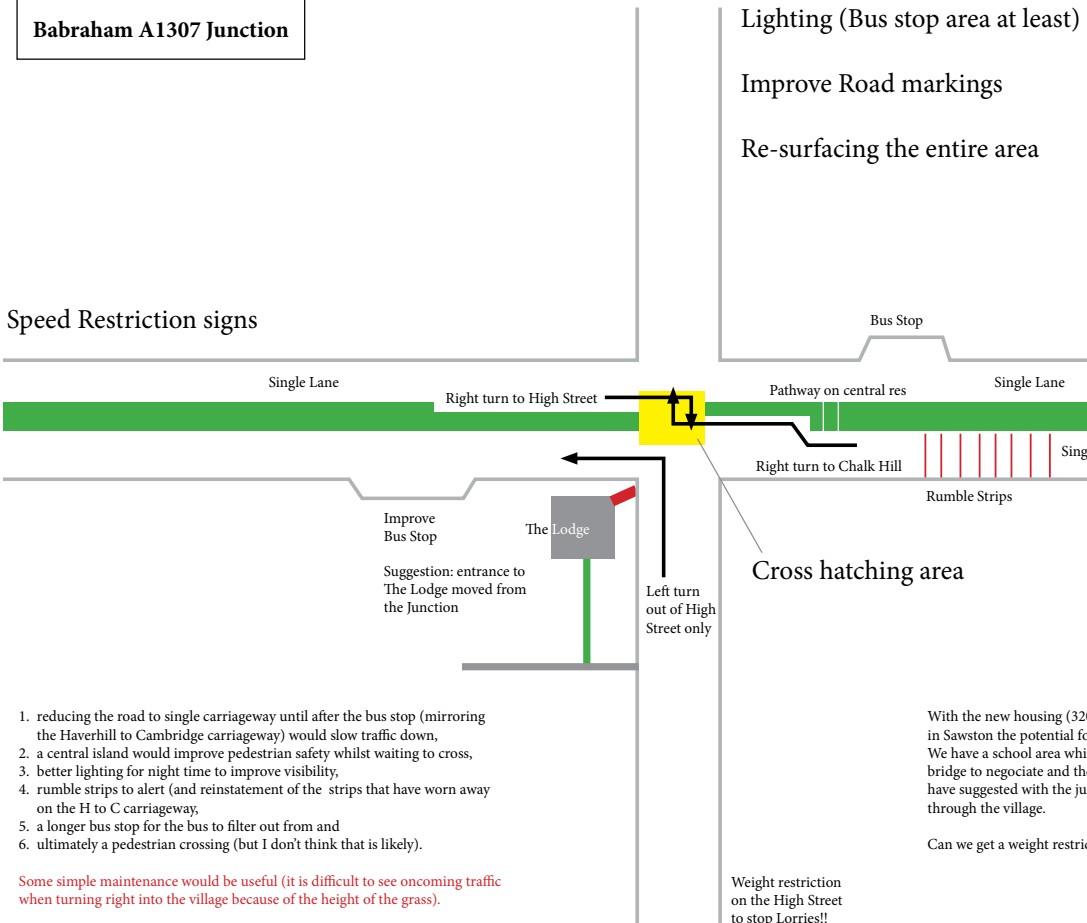
Three long-term strategies

which aim to make it easier and quicker for people to travel in and out of the city from the south east were put forward in the consultation as phase two.

Strategy one – a new segregated mass rapid transit route from the A11 to the Cambridge Biomedical Campus and a new park-and-ride site near the A11/A505 – received the most support (64 percent) from people who responded to the consultation.

High-quality cycling and walking routes are also included in the proposals for strategy one, which would be delivered in

Babraham A1307 Junction



phase two of the CSETS scheme. Respondents said strategy one was the most likely to encourage them to leave their car and travel by alternative modes.

The rapid mass transit route can be transitioned into the Cambridge Autonomous Metro scheme being developed by the Mayor and Combined Authority.

Travel safety was a significant concern noted from responses to the consultation which achieved a good range of responses from different groups and communities in the area.

Our junction A1307 from our High Street is part of the 17 'quick wins'. There are outline plans are to make changes to junction to make it safer and to hopefully reduce the number of lorries that use our village as a rat-run to the A11. Basically we aim to have a **NO** right turn out onto the A1307. Big change I know but it is needed. The map below shows what we have suggested and asked for from the Greater Cambridge Partnership who are funding the changes to the road from Cambridge to Haverhill. Many of us have

suggested "bring back the School bus" as we all know that's why the roads are choicer in term times!!

The Parish Council are fighting to reduce the number of vehicles that use the village as a rat-run and of course to reduce the speeding . . . we need to get this sorted as we have a potential black spot in the school area. Parking on the street, a small bridge which has a massive blind spot and a bunch of impatient drivers . . children getting to school all adds up to chaos! Add lorries to the mix and its 'hold on a minute this has to stop' One other issue which I think should change is the entrance to the Campus, the one that is "closed" to the Campus but open to the Close. There is no reason to have a entrance/exit right opposite Brick Row cottages as once again a real danger spot. It was noted by the Campus that it was dangerous when they made a new cycleway so cyclist didn't have to use the



Monday: Lynton Way, Sawton - 6.30pm
Wednesday: Lynton Way, Sawton - 6.30pm
Thursday: The George, Babraham - 9.30am
 Lynton Way, Sawton - 7pm

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road!! (Most of them still do)
 Lorries use it to turn around when they have gone the wrong way!! Close the road and use the other road to the Close.

Looking to the future with our own Neighbourhood Plan

Loads going on even if quite slow at the moment with everyone taking a well earned holiday! We have a designated area passed by South Cambs and have had meetings to see what our next move is. Members of the steering Committee has been having meetings to guide us on the vision we see for our village. They have some really great ideas and I can see some exciting times ahead. We will be circulating a questionnaire to you all in the near future to get your thoughts and these ideas.

Themes are the way to go because in the parish we have distinct areas (The Village, Copley Hill, Cheveley Park Farms, and the

Campus) and it is thought that while working on these areas, its best to keep to similar themes.

- Development**
- Infrastructure**
- Community Facilities**
- Community Linkages**
- Areas of Beauty**
- History and Culture**
- Business Opportunities**

For example Development, highlighting certain areas that may be right for development in the village area and of course the Campus, Cheveley Park Farm and Copley may well have their own ideas and will want to development in the future and its up to them to introduce this into the plan if they want.

Speed Restriction signs

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 or a increase in traffic through Babraham is huge.
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Pocket Park Clear-up

Sunday 28 October
10.30- 12.30

We have a plan to get a work party to the Pocket Park for a few hours on a Sunday morning to have a massive clear up . . . no more fighting through the nettles . . . it's time folks to have a go! Please come along and help if you can . . . might even be fun!



The Bench Garden

Autumn arrived with a drought. The Verbena Bonariensis is still a riot of blue most of which are self sown from last years planting. The dry conditions in this sunny sheltered spot against the Babraham Institute brick flint wall are also perfect for the Lavender 'Hidcote' and Rosemary which the butterfly's and bees have made full use of collecting pollen. This combination of plants left to stand over winter will make an attractive display when the frosts appear.

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Saturday 3rd November

Church Lane, Babraham

5:30pm Bonfire lit

6:00pm Fireworks

Babraham Bonfire & Fireworks Night

BBQ • HOT DRINKS • MULLED WINE • TOFFEE APPLES • GLOW STICKS



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At the gate - Adult £3.50 • Child £2.50
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Tickets available from

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Village Hall news

Sandra Carroll came to the Parish meeting last month and gave a update on the Village Hall situation and there are exciting plans for the future and we will keep you posted on that as and when we know. Could it be we finally get our Village Hall!! We are going to hold an AGM on 20th November at The George 7:30pm



Quiz night

There will a church quiz in the pub on Friday 16th November Good Fun!

Christmas bookings taken now!

Useful Contacts

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South Cambs Councillors

Kevin Cuffley and Roger Hickford


District Councillor

Peter McDonald

The Parish Council meets on the second Thursday every month at the school 7.30. Members of the public are more than welcome to attend.

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